

This spring will mark two years in command for me as CG, Third Army/ARCENT. The tremendous professionalism and hard work of this great ARCENT Team have made the last 21 months a huge success for CENTCOM and our Army. I expect all of us to continue the work in progress to stay ready for any contingency, and to sustain our troops in combat while shaping the future in the region.

As of 1330 EST Friday, 4 Feb, the President has approved the recommendation of the Secretary of Defense and has nominated MG Vince Brooks to replace me in command of Third Army/ARCENT in the summer of 2011. The White House will forward the President's nomination to the Senate for confirmation. The timeline will become clearer over the next several months. In the meantime, let's continue the mission and maintain the team effort that is a hallmark of our great organization.

It is an honor to work with each of you. I look forward to welcoming MG Brooks and his family to the team from his successful command of 1st Infantry Division, which he has led with distinction for the last couple years, including a year in combat in Iraq.

We have much to do in the meantime. Thank you for all your efforts.  
Mission--People--Teamwork!

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